

Appl. No. 10/064,357
Amdt. dated October 19, 2004
Reply to Office action dated 10/01/2004

REMARKS

5 The examiner has indicated that the applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species of an invention for prosecution on the merits from the following species of the claimed invention:

Species I: class 345.

Species II: class 381.

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Response:

15 An Election/Restrictions requirement was requested to elect either Species I (claims 1-6) or Species II (claims 7-13) in the Office action on 10/01/2004. However, a preliminary amendment which amended the claims to include claims 1-7, 9, 11-19 were filed to the USPTO on 09/24/2004. In a telephone interview on 10/14/2004, the examiner has agreed with the patent agent to pursue the Election/Restrictions requirement in reference to the preliminary amendment.

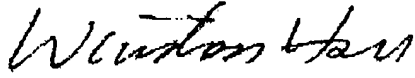
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25 In reference to the preliminary amendment, applicant elects Species I for prosecution on the merits under 35 U.S.C. 121 in response to the above election requirement. The claims readable on the elected Species are claims 1-6 and 14-18. Species II (claims 7, 9, 11-13, and 19) is hereby withdrawn from prosecution. Since claim 14 is generic to both Species, if the generic claim 14 is allowed later on, applicant wishes that Species II (claims 7, 9, 11-13 and 19) can also be examined by the Examiner in the present application.

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